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Het Binnenhuys opens new art expo

"Impressions" by Marco van Esdonk brightens up interior design store











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ORANJESTAD - Last Thursday evening, interior designer Karin Martens added another artist's works to her beautiful décor store, Marco van Esdonk. Marco, a woman originally from the south of Holland, opened her first solo exhibition in Aruba.

A child artist, Marco was always fascinated with art, but never took many formal lessons since being uninspired by one art teacher who didn't understand how she wanted to portray objects.

Using bright colors which are not necessarily the natural colors of the object, Marco has her own way of expressing what she feels. "A painting is a reflection of what you are, fell and radiate." It wasn't until 1990, when she moved with her husband to Curacao, that she took art classes at the Academia di Arte. There she was inspired by the culture and colors of Curacao, colors which she incorporated into her work. Then, when the couple moved to Surinam in 1996, she became really serious about her art, and enrolled in more training at Nola Hatterman Institute. This was the training which formed the basis of her current work.





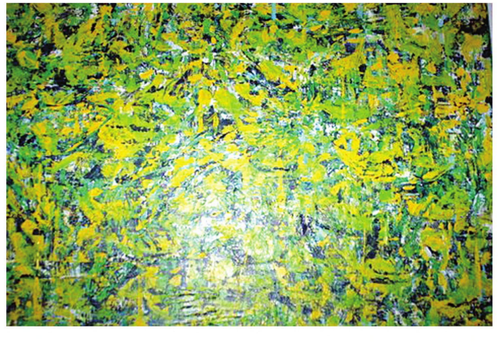
















Marco paints primarily from her intuition. From a basic idea, whereby man and nature are important, she expands the idea while painting. Only at a later stage she decides whether or not, and how she will apply the "rules" of composition, color and perspective. This way of working appeals to her because the unlimited possibilities allow her to use all her creativity.

Marco has been living on Aruba since January of this year, and the exhibited works comprise the collection that she has produced here on our island. They demonstrate, by her choice of topics and use of bright colors, how she experienced her first months on the island.

"Impressions" can be viewed at Het Binnenhuys (Avenida Milio Croes 26, Dakota, Oranjestad) until November 26 Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 to 5.❑